

CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 7, 2001
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clean Water Commission Members Present

Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Susan Rasmussen,
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clean Water Commission Members Excused Absence

Robert Agard, and Mary Martin

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, Earl Rowell, and Rod Swanson

Public

Thom McConathy, and Virginia VanBreemen

Introduction:

The members of the Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and public were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review:

Mr. Rowell reviewed the packet of materials for tonight's meeting:

1. February 7, 2001, Agenda;
2. Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes dated, January 17, 2001;
3. Preliminary, Clean Water Fund budget report dated January 28, 2001;
4. Draft, Clark County Clean Water Commission, Motions passed year 2000;
5. Draft, Clark County Clean Water Commission, Facilitated Work session Project dated February 1, 2001;
6. Clark County Clean Water Commission, Facilitated Work Session proposed budget;
 - Letter to Cindy Meats from Washington State University, Cooperative Extension, dated February 6, 2001;
 - Updated Calendar of Clark County Clean Water Commission and other Water related Events;
 - How to be a Salmon Friendly Gardener brochure and;
 - East Fork Lewis River Newsletter, winter 2001.

01/17/01 meeting notes:

The notes for the Clean Water Commission meeting held, Wednesday, January 17, 2001 were approved as written.

Group Discussion

Water Quality Education:

Mr. Bourlet: Is Washington State University Cooperative Extension working with FFA and 4-H on the Watershed Stewards program?

Mr. Rowell: They work with a variety of groups. Gary Bock or Doug Steinberger, from Washington State University, Cooperative Extension, can better answer your questions, and I can ask either of them to attend a Clean Water Commission meeting in the future.

Mr. Bourlet: I would like to have Mrs. Meats attend a future Clean Water Commission meeting, to address the issue regarding of how we are using FFA and 4-H with the Watershed Stewards program. I think it would be good for the kids and the community, and it shouldn't be overlooked.

Mr. Bourlet: Is there anything in the permit that says the water must meet certain quality standards when it goes into the Columbia River, regardless of the water body it is derived from?

Mr. Swanson: The Stormwater permit includes numerous points of discharge, the water rarely meets the water quality standards that are specified for the water bodies it goes into, because of the dirt, oil and other substances it picks up. The Clean Water Act states that you apply technology to the maximum extent practicable.

Mr. Kemper – Mr. Tuck can you give us an update on the Rough Draft the Resource Company has put together?

Mr. Tuck – I hope by next meeting we will have a copy to review.

Water Monitoring Sub-Committee:

Mr. Tuck: Mr. Rowell, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Giese and I met on Monday, February 5 and went through the water-monitoring programs that the County is currently doing along with the water-monitoring programs that other organizations are currently doing. Things are moving at a fast pace and in a lot of different areas. It seems important to make sure we don't overlap each other, and when we create the information it doesn't get lost, and it can be easily utilized.

Mr. Bourlet: When will volunteers be able to perform water-testing/monitoring?

Mr. Swanson: We will be developing something specific for the Watershed Stewards program by this summer. The idea would be to develop something that can be used by a broader range of people/agencies.

Mrs. Rasmussen: There is a fair amount of interest from property owners that want to do testing on creeks and streams on their property.

Mr. Bourlet: Is it possible to use some of the education money, from the budget, to train citizens in water-testing/monitoring?

Mr. Rowell: There are a variety of funding options we can look into, first we need to determine; what kind of testing are we going to have the citizens do; what are they going accomplish; where will the data go and what results are we looking for.

Water Quality capital improvements/watershed:

Mr. Bourlet: Can you give me an example of water quality and a capital expense?

Mr. Giese: A bioswale is an example of a capital improvement. We are in the process of developing a schedule of capital improvements for water quality. One of the mandates in our current NPDES permit is to look and evaluate existing BMP's for the benefit of retrofitting them for better performance. We are also looking into monitoring and watershed assessment efforts.

Update potential facilitator:

Mr. Kemper: Mr. Vaughn Brown submitted a draft proposal for review.

Motion 2001-0207-02: To accept Mr. Vaughn Brown's proposal with the following modifications to the Process Outline:

**Process III. Develop Incentive Program Recommendation will be changed to Number 1.
Process I – Confirm and Define Clark County Clean Water Program Goals will be changed to Number 2, and completed in one meeting.
Process II – Create Evaluation Criteria and Assessment Format will be changed to number 3.
Process IV – Compile Annual Report Information will continue to stay as Number 4.**

All Commissioners passed motion 2001-0207-02.

Mr. Kemper will submit the revised proposal to Mr. Vaughn Brown.

Review Calendar of meetings

Centennial Grant is due for submission March 2, 2001.

Quarterly meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, April 2001.

Looking Ahead:

Rough Draft Annual Report

Potential Modifications to Ordinance

Please submit comments to both these for discussion at next meeting.

Adjourn

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Commissioner Kemper adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at Clark County Public Works Operations Department Conference Room, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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